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Outline of Apple Operation

1. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the information you have developed on the demise of our Apple operation. We are in hopes that your sources will ultimately be able to provide many of the facts necessary to the accurate reconstruction of this operation and to an analysis of opposition techniques.

2. In the belief that a general idea of the course of the operation would be of value to you in your pursuit of this matter, we have prepared the outline below:

3. Outline of Apple Operation

a. On 1 May 1952 AIRTIGHT (1), RNDOMINO (2), RNPOTLOG (3), AIRWISE (4), and Identity (5) were guided across the border into Albania by Identities (6) and (7). By the 15th of June the group had reached its operational area (Nati-Diber) and RNPOTLOG, AIRWISE and Identity (5) had returned to Greece as there was no further need for their services. The team was resupplied with varying degrees of success on 8/9 May, 6/7 July, 4 August (when RNCERTAIN (8) jumped to the team) and 5/6 September.

b. We received word from Apple on 3 November 1952 that RNDOMINO had broken his hand. This highly suspicious information generated the attempts to establish the team's true status which included the consultations with RNCASTING, that Rivett will certainly remember.

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c. On 30/31 January, 1953 ~~THROWOFF~~ (9) was parachuted to Apple to preserve our wireless communications link.

d. On 1/2 May RNPOTLOG, GABNEGATE (10), and GABCARD (11) were dropped to Apple to conduct AIRTIGHT and RNDOMINO to Greece. This party of five plus one contact identified only as a friend posing as a Communist, separated from RNCERTAIN and ~~THROWOFF~~ on 12 May. This group was known as Apple/3.

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e. RNCERTAIN and ~~THROWOFF~~ (called Apple/2) received four agents on 4/5 June. Three of them, Identity (5), GABLUCTION (12), and GABDUMY (13) comprised Orange team; the other, ALCHAS (14), was the leader of Blue team. ALCHAS 20 men from in the door thereby depriving him of his team.

f. Apple/3 reported an

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f. Apple/3 reported an engagement with security forces on 5 June in the area of Jafense in which RNPULOG was wounded in the left leg and right arm. We maintained contact with this team until 18 June and have heard no conclusive word of its fate since.

g. We resupplied Apple/2 on 22/23 July after which our W/T communications deteriorated appreciably until arrangements for the 19/20 September drop were exchanged.

h. Our 23/24 October resupply mission was met at the D/Z by two batteries of AA guns. Our damaged plane reached Italy and W/T contact ended.

4. With reference to [] 608, para 4, RNPOTAL has informed us with characteristic brevity that Shahin Frenthi is the leader of his LUCID Team. The team members are (fma) Hadri, (fma) Rurco and two Terpena brothers (presumably Najsrulah and Haki).

5. You will notice that the reports submitted in [] 584, BRIA-1652 and [] 663 do not dove-tail neatly with the outline of the operation above. The report that AIRTIGHT and RNCERTAIN were captured "five months ago" in [] 584 could be interpreted as prior to the reported separation of the two men on the 12th of May. BRIA-1652, however, places the initiation of control in August, at least six weeks after this separation. If both men have been apprehended, it seems more probable that they were caught together than at two separate points after parting company. The mention in [] 663 of Identity (5) as having been caught with AIRTIGHT and RNCERTAIN seems to strengthen the thesis that control was instigated prior to 4 June, the date Identity (5) was parachuted to Apple/2. RNCERTAIN never acknowledged contacting Orange Team or AICHIP after this mission, although the air crew assures us they made an accurate drop.

6. It is evident from the foregoing that more facts are required to solve the riddle of Apple's control conclusively. It is our hope that your sources may be able to provide us with these facts. We will certainly keep you informed of further developments here.

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Identities

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Identities:

- (1) - Zejnel Shehi (or Shehu)
- (2) - Tahir Prenci
- (3) - Hamit Matiani
- (4) - Xheladin Sakollari
- (5) - Haxhi Mustafa Gjyla
- (6) - Sherif Pleshti
- (7) - Hysen Kapllani
- (8) - Halil Branitca
- (9) - ^{Phonetic} ~~Shaqir~~ Kabashi
- (10) - Naun Sula
- (11) - Gani Malushi
- (12) - Zeman Gjolena
- (13) - Nuri Flaka
- (14) - Pal Hdreca Nikolla

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